MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD AT 1002 N. SCHOOL STREET, BUILDING E, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011 IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, STATE OF HAWAII

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority met for their Regular Meeting at 1002 N. School Street, on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 9:09 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Travis Thompson and those present and excused were as follows:

PRESENT:

Chairperson Travis Thompson

Director Sam Aiona

Director Sherrilee Dodson Director Carol Ignacio

Director Patricia McManaman Director Debbie Shimizu

Denise Wise

Executive Director

Jennifer Sugita

Deputy Attorney General

EXCUSED:

Director Eric Beaver

Director Rene Berthiaume Director Roger Godfrey Director Matilda Yoshioka

STAFF PRESENT: Barbara Arashiro

Executive Assistant Fiscal Officer Housing Planner

Clarence Allen Nicholas Birck Becky Choi

State Housing Development Administrator Property Management and Maintenance

Stephanie Fo Services Branch Chief

Diane Johns Property Management Specialist Kiriko Oishi Compliance Officer

Dionicia Piiohia Acting Secretary to the Board Joanna Renken Acting Public Housing Supervisor Rick Sogawa Contacts and Procurement Officer

Jarrett Waa **UPW** Chief Steward Dennis Xiao **Public Housing Specialist**

OTHERS:

Michi Chang Kalakaua Homes resident

Tim Garry Private Resident

Victor Geminiani Lawyers for Equal Justice David Moakley Roy Nakamura

Ameresco Kalakaua Homes resident

Proceedings:

Chairperson Thompson declared a quorum present.

The business of the Board proceeded with a motion entered by Director Dodson to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors Meeting held on May 19, 2011 and it was seconded by Director Aiona.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Testimony:

Ms. Michi Chang, Kalakaua Homes resident testified. Mr. Dennis Xiao of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), Public Housing Specialist assisted in providing translation services for Ms. Chang's testimony. Ms. Chang provided a list of requests to the Board members on Chinese Culture & Education Center letterhead. Ms. Chang's request included a request for keys to access the community hall and office for activities and meetings. It was stated that this request was given to site management approximately three months ago and she is still waiting for a response. She also requested that in the future, an effort should be made to translate tenant notifications.

Mr. Roy Nakamura, Kalakaua Homes resident, testified that two months ago a letter was given to the Board regarding the tenant above his unit. He met with Ms. Denise Wise, Executive Director, Stephanie Fo, Property Management and Maintenance Services Branch Chief, and Clarissa Hosino, Board of Director of the intense noise. He stated this has been occurring for over five years and has made a list of the dates and time he complained. He said that the security guard has a list of complaints. He spoke to the tenant's daughter with no result.

Mr. Tim Garry, neighbor of Puahala Homes, testified that he read the report by Marion Higa, State Auditor and said that the housing should be turned over to private management. He thanked all the Board members who are leaving. He said that the same problems are not followed through and complaints by tenants are the same for over four years. The property is not kept up, and the smelly dumpster by Hala Drive has been there for 11 days. He said that the property should be treated as a private property. An on site manager should walk around the property to solve the problems. Families come from different countries not understanding English and have their children run around screaming all day. Mr. Garry brought this complaint to the staff and hopes that the new Board will be successful.

Mr. Jarrett Waa, UPW Chief Steward, testified on the evaluation of HPHA's Executive Director, Denise Wise. Although there is a backlog of maintenance work, staff is willing to do the work.

He thanked the Board for their efforts and asked that the Board keep Ms. Wise as the Executive Director, so as not to disrupt the progress being made.

For Action:

Motion: To Adopt Board Resolution No. 48 Approving the Hawaii Public Housing

Authority's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 and to Authorize the Executive Director to Take All Actions Necessary to Implement and Submit

Budget Certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development.

Director Dodson moved and Director Aiona seconded.

Chairperson Thompson reported that the task force recommended the proceeds of the sale of Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) and Banyan Street Manor be invested immediately and that the Board review the allocation of the funds.

Ms. Wise presented a narrative of the budget's overview for FY 2010-2011 revenue and noted a 12 percent increase in expenses, due primarily to increased utility rates for sewer and water.

She also highlighted the operating deficit of the State properties by presenting a table that highlighted the shortfall from 2006 to 2010. In order for the State property portfolio to operate at breakeven the rents would have to be set at \$550 per month.

Staff recommended the following:

- The HPHA is preparing to work with the legislature to secure some subsidy to assist with the shortfall. Unlike Federal public housing units there is no regular/permanent subsidy received from the State to operate the low income housing units.
- Work with the legislature to change the HPHA's governing statue. However, this would not resolve the shortfall.
- The HPHA is evaluating the ability to use project based Section 8 vouchers at State housing units. This requires working with HUD to seek approval.
- The HPHA is also seeking and applying for grants that assist in providing supportive services to assist residents in increasing their income.
- Realistically, these activates will not produce results immediately however, the HPHA is undertaking these efforts to bridge the shortfall.

Chairperson Thompson commented that the new Board will have to explore this policy and the Legislature needs to be informed of this issue. Director McManaman requested that staff research other housing authorities that have state housing units in their portfolio and how they operate and/or receive subsidy.

Ms. Wise explained that staff is preparing to work with the Legislature regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds to assist in covering state project management costs. The

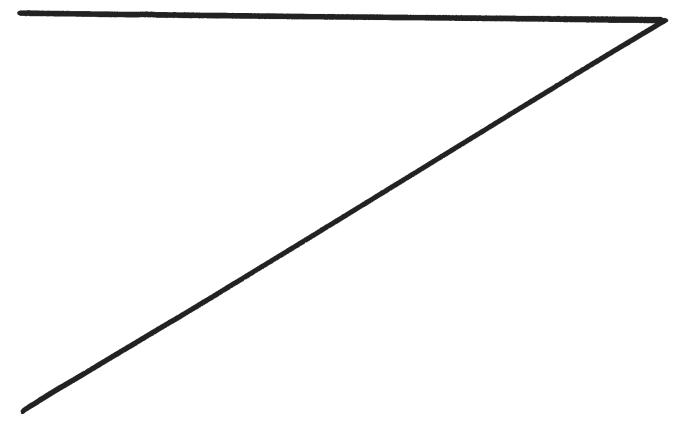
Capital Funds received from HUD allow f 10% of the funds received to cover project oversight costs, e.g., project management; financial oversight, etc.. Staff will work with appropriate divisions and to get clarification if State CIP can be used for administrative costs to cover the time and management of the projects, as currently it is not allowed.

Ms. Wise also provided an Asset Management Project (AMP) budget review for each property's projected revenues, expenses, and net income/loss for FY 2011-2012 and FY 2010-2011. This will serve as a key component for AMPs to monitor their budget and activities. Ms. Wise will provide to the new Board Members clarifications on the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) financial budgets and upgrade of the software.

Mr. Clarence Allen, Fiscal Officer added that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developments (HUD) concern is the actual versus budget when reviewing AMP budgets. In July, representatives from Emphasys Computer Systems will begin the conversion to the HPHA's financial accounting system to the Elite system. The conversion may take six months. Once completed, the AMP managers will have access to their budgets and related expenditures. This is a marked improvement as currently with the accounting software used, the AMPs are dependent on receiving reports from FMO. The current DOS based software is not flexible nor is the report writer.

Chairperson Thompson asked if there were any questions. There being no further questions,

The motion unanimously carried.



HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY STATE OF HAWAII

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 – 2012 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND SUBMIT BUDGET CERTIFICATIONS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, all statutory and regulatory requirements have been met;

WHEREAS, the HPHA has sufficient operating reserves to meet the working capital needs of its developments;

WHEREAS, proposed budget expenditures are necessary in the efficient and economical operation of the housing for the purpose of serving low-income residents;

WHEREAS, the budget indicates a source of funds adequate to cover all proposed expenditures;

WHEREAS, the HPHA will comply with the wage rate requirement under 24 CFR 968.11(c) and (f);

WHEREAS, the HPHA will comply with the requirements for access to records and audits under 24 CFR 968.110(i); and

WHEREAS, this joint Resolution is intended to apply to all Asset Management Projects (AMPs) and Programs under the HPHA's jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the HPHA Board of Directors do hereby adopt this Resolution No. 48 Approving the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The UNDERSIGNED, hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority on June 16, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Travis O. Thompson, Chairperson

Chairperson Thompson called a recess at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

Motion: To Adopt Board Resolution No. 49 Expressing Appreciation to Director Sam

Aiona

Director McManaman moved and Director Shimizu seconded.

The motion unanimously carried.

Motion: To Adopt Board Resolution No. 50 Expressing Appreciation to Director Rene

Berthiaume

Director McManaman moved and Director Shimizu seconded.

The motion unanimously carried.

Motion: To Adopt Board Resolution No. 51 Expressing Appreciation to Director

Sherrilee Dodson

Director McManaman moved and Director Shimizu seconded.

The motion unanimously carried.

Motion: To Adopt Board Resolution No. 52 Expressing Appreciation to Director

Carol Ignacio

Director McManaman moved and Director Shimizu seconded.

The motion unanimously carried.

Chairperson Thompson commended Directors Aiona, Berthiaume, Dodson, Ignacio and ongoing Board members. Chairperson Thompson gave a recap of the HPHA's history from July 1, 2006 to present and how the Board had to deal with potential disasters, financing concerns, aging facilities, funding shortages, having five different executive directors, staff vacancies, uncollected rents, improved maintenance, resident concerns, the sale of projects, lawsuits, curfews, the Corrective Action Order, and making major decisions. All of these events and more have happened on the Board's watch. He sincerely thanked the Board members for their efforts in serving the HPHA and navigating all the challenges and opportunities presented to them.

Chairperson Thompson read the Resolutions and called to question to approve the resolutions.

The motion was unanimously carried.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DIRECTOR SAM AIONA

... HEREAS, Director Sam Aiona is a member on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, when appointed to the HPHA Board, Director Aiona was the Executive Director of the Office of Community Services and he brought with him a wealth of experience managing programs and services for low income families;

WHEREAS, Director Aiona worked tirelessly to improve services and programs for the families in the HPHA's programs;

WHEREAS, Director Aiona maintained effective communication regarding the needs of low income families with the HPHA's Board of Directors, the Office of the Executive Director, the Hawaii State Legislature, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, Director Aiona has been instrumental in resolving policy issues serving on numerous task force committees for the Board; and

WHEREAS, in his role as a Board member, Director Aiona was particularly interested in resolving conflicts between HPHA staff and tenants, and actively encouraged the formation of resident associations; and

WHEREAS, the HPHA's Board of Directors hold Director Aiona in the highest personal regard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority adopt Resolution No. 49 Expressing Appreciation to Director Sam Aiona on this 16th day of June 2011;

, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to ctor Sam Aiona reflecting sincere appreciation of the Board for his contributions to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Travis O. Thompson, Chairperson

R. Eric H. Beaver, Vice Chair

Matilda A. Yoshioka, Secretary

A. Yoshioka, Secretary

Sherrilee K. Dodson, Member

Carol R. Ignacio, Member

Debbie Shimizu Mombou

Rene Berthiaume, Member

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Patricia McManaman, Member

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DIRECTOR RENE BERTHIAUME

EREAS, Director Rene Berthiaume is a member on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Director Berthiaume worked tirelessly to improve services and programs for the families in the HPHA's programs; and

WHEREAS, Director Berthiaume maintained effective communication regarding the needs of low income families with the HPHA's Board of Directors, the Office of the Executive Director, the Hawaii State Legislature, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, Director Berthiaume has been instrumental in resolving policy issues serving on numerous task force committees for the Board; and

WHEREAS, in his role as a Board member, Director Berthiaume was particularly interested in supportive service and employment training efforts, and actively encouraged the formation of resident associations; and

WHEREAS, the HPHA's Board of Directors hold Director Berthiaume in the highest personal regard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority adopt Resolution No. 50 Expressing Appreciation to Director Rene Berthiaume on this 16th day of June 2011;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Director Rene Berthiaume reflecting sincere appreciation of the Board for his contributions to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Travis O. Thompson, Chairperson

R. Eric H. Beaver, Vice Chair

Matilda A. Yoshidka, Secretary

Sam Aiona, Member

Sherrilee K. Dodson, Member

Carol R. Ignacio, Member

Debbie Shimizu Member

Patricia McManaman, Member

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DIRECTOR SHERRILEE DODSON

WHEREAS, Director Sherrilee Dodson is a member on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, as the Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity on Maui and a lawyer by education, Director Dodson brought with her a wealth of housing and construction experience which was reflected in her thoughtful inquiries, discussions and decisions at the Board level; and

WHEREAS, Director Dodson worked tirelessly to improve services and programs for the families in the HPHA's programs; and

WHEREAS, Director Dodson has been instrumental in resolving policy issues, serving on numerous task force committees and volunteering to coordinate Board training; and

WHEREAS, in her role as a Board member, Director Dodson was particularly interested in increased accountability; and

WHEREAS, the HPHA's Board of Directors hold Director Dodson in the highest personal regard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority adopt Resolution No. 51 Expressing Appreciation to Director Sherrilee Dodson on this 16th day of June 2011;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Director Sherrilee Dodson reflecting sincere appreciation of the Board for her contributions to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Travis O. Thompson, Chairperson

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Rene Berthiaume, Member

Roger Godfrey, Memb

Carol R. Ignacio, Member

Patricia McManaman, Member

Debbie Shimizu, Member

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WHEREAS, Director Sherrilee Dodson is a member on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, as the Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity on Maui and a lawyer by education, Director Dodson brought with her a wealth of housing and construction experience which was reflected in her thoughtful inquiries, discussions and decisions at the Board level; and

WHEREAS, Director Dodson worked tirelessly to improve services and programs for the families in the HPHA's programs; and

WHEREAS, Director Dodson has been instrumental in resolving policy issues, serving on numerous task force committees and volunteering to coordinate Board training; and

WHEREAS, in her role as a Board member, Director Dodson was particularly interested in increased accountability; and

WHEREAS, the HPHA's Board of Directors hold Director Dodson in the highest personal regard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority adopt Resolution No. 51 Expressing Appreciation to Director Sherrilee Dodson on this 16th day of June 2011;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Director Sherrilee Dodson reflecting sincere appreciation of the Board for her contributions to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Travis O. Thompson, Chairperson

R. Eric H. Beaver, Vice Chair

Matilda A. Yoshioka, Secretary

Sam Aiona, Member

Ignacio, Member

Patricia McManaman, Member

Debbie Shimizu, Member

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DIRECTOR CAROL IGNACIO

. AEREAS, Director Carol Ignacio is a member on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Directors and represents the island of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Director Ignacio is the Executive Director of the Office for Social Ministry and brought with her a wealth of experience as a policy maker providing oversight to supportive service and homeless programs:

WHEREAS, Director Ignacio worked tirelessly to improve services and programs for the families in the HPHA's programs, as demonstrated in her emphasis on the quality of services and focus on program outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Director Ignacio has been instrumental in resolving policy issues serving on numerous task force committees for the Board and was a strong proponent for increased accountability by staff and contractors; and

WHEREAS, the HPHA's Board of Directors hold Director Ignacio in the highest personal regard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority adopt Resolution No. 52 Expressing Appreciation to Director Carol Ignacio on this 16th day of June 2011;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Director Carol Ignacio reflecting sincere appreciation of the Board for her contributions to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Travis O. Thompson, Chairperson

Sherrilee K. Dodson, Member

Patricia McManaman, Member

Rene Berthiaume, Member

Motion:

To go into executive session at 10:47 a.m. pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 92-4, 92-5(a)(2) and 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities as related to personnel matters.

Director Dodson moved and Director Aiona seconded.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 11:46 a.m.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Wise reported that the sale of Banyan Street Manor was concluded and the real estate transaction with Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) was completed. Training for the Eviction Hearings Officers and AMP managers conducted by the Deputy Attorney General, John Wong was well received.

Director McMannaman asked about the policy on medical marijuana. Ms. Wise stated that marijuana is not allowed on federal projects. The HPHA requested an opinion from the Department of the Attorney General regarding the use of medical marijuana in State public housing. The HPHA is recommending that the use of medical marijuana in State public housing be prohibited as to remain consistent and as soon as the opinion is received it will be presented to the Board.

Director Shimizu requested that news articles be included in the Board packet. Ms. Wise stated that she will include any media related issues in future Board packet. Director McManaman stated DHS has a long standing policy that requires all media communications with the press to be coordinated through DHS. Director Dodson commented that any communication with the press should be coordinated with the Governor's press office. Ms. Barbara Arashiro, Executive Assistant added that earlier this year, the Board updated the Policy on Communications and recommended that the policy be brought back to the Board for review or revisions.

Motion:

To go into executive session at 11:59 a.m. pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities as related to the Kolio, et al v. State of Hawaii, Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Denise Wise in her Official Capacity As Executive Director (Civil Case No. CV11-00266 and Civil No. 11-1-0795).

Director Dodson moved and Director Ignacio seconded.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session, and called a recess at 12:40 p.m., and reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

Chairperson Thompson asked about the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Energy Performance Consultant Services. Ms. Wise reported that the RFP is at the Department of the Attorney General for review. The contract may take effect around October depending on when the RFP is issued. Director McManaman stated that the Energy Performance Consultant Services is a priority for the Board. Director Shimizu asked if HPHA needed to fix the Ameresco situation. Chairperson Thompson responded that there was nothing to fix.

Ms. Wise reported that the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) has contacted the HPHA and will be conducting physical inspections for HPHA between July and August.

Director McManaman asked what the status is on the washing machines in Waimanalo. Ms. Wise said that new vendor washing machines are installed and staff is working with the tenant association to monitor the laundry room.

Chairperson Thompson inquired about the additional design services at Kehekili Terrace (CMS 08-28-SC02), contractual extension, and why they were needed. Ms. Becky Choi, State Housing Development Administrator explained that there were unforeseen conditions like the electrical and concrete spalling that occurred, but the work is still ongoing.

Director McManaman commented that a report on the status of the vacant units should be provided to the Board on a monthly basis to see why the vacant units are not being worked on. Director Ignacio commented that volunteers and private individuals can come to help turn around the units. Ms. Wise stated that a meeting is coming up and volunteer effort is being coordinated. Volunteer assistance is limited to specific duties as should we need skilled trades we must consult with the union.

Director McManaman requested that staff review the state and federal procurement processes and begin discussion on whether there is a more efficient way for HPHA to procure services when needed.

Director Shimizu asked if the elevator consulting services was for Kuhio Park Terrace. Ms. Wise explained that five of the 6 elevators have been modernized at KPT, and the 17 elevators are at various state and federal locations.

Ms. Wise reported that Mr. Birck is applying for federal grants on the Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator Program for \$240,000 and the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) \$129,000 plus \$69,000 for one position federal grants. Director McManaman reported that there is a Choice Neighborhood grant that is due in August. Ms. Wise will look at the criteria to see if the HPHA is qualified. We have applied for the Veterans Assisted Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, 25 for Oahu and 25 for the neighbor islands. This is an addition to the 140 vouchers HPHA currently administers.

Chairperson Thompson commented that no action taken on the Legislative Audit and letters from the media. He proposes that action be taken next month by appointing a task force to give a monthly or quarterly status report and report back to the Legislative Auditor Ms. Higa. Director McManaman also requested that HPHA develop an action plan which addresses the highlighted issues and concerns. The action plan should identify issues, action to be taken, responsible parties, training plans, and benchmarks.

Chairperson Thompson suggested that AMPs or staff be awarded, or given something for competition or incentives and awarded for AMP or staff of the month, or their picture taken because they cannot be awarded monetarily. He would like to see if staff can come up with something to award themselves.

With no further business for the board to conduct,

Director Aiona moved to adjourn and Director Dodson seconded.

The motion unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Minutes Prepared by:

Dionicia Piiohia

Acting Secretary to the Board/Recording Secretary

Date

Approved by the HPHA Board of Directors at their Regular Meeting on July 21, 2011

Jason Espero
Director/Board of Director

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Date